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Application Number	09/671,283
Filing Date	27 September 2000
First Named Inventor	John A. Giordano
Art Unit	1617
Examiner Name	Shengjun Wang
Attorney Docket No.	48508-00004

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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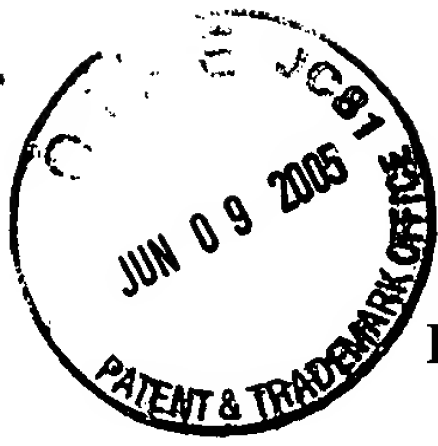
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Advisory Action mailed on March 11, 2005 (Paper No. 20050311), Applicants respectfully request consideration of amendments to the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. A **Claim Listing** is attached at the end of the Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.